**Statement-II**

*List of BOT Projects Awarded so far*

| SI. N-0. | Project Name | NH No | State | Cost in Crores | Likely/actual date of com-pletion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | •Thane-Bhiwandi Bypass | 3&4 | Maharashtra | 103 | 31/12/2001 |
| 2. | "Chaltan Road Over Bridge | 8 | Gujarat | 10 | 15/07/1998 |
| 3. | "Udaipur Bypass | 8 | Rajasthan | 24 | 22/04/1998 |
| 4. | Construction of Six Bridges | 5 | Andhra Pradesh | 50 | 08/06/2001 |
| 5. | Coimbatore Bypass | 47 | Tamil Nadu | 90 | 03/12/1999 |
| 6. | Durg Bypass | 6 | Madhya Pradesh | 68 | 05/05/2000 |
| 7. | Narmada Bridge | 8 | Gujarat | 113 | 21/122000 |
| 8. | ••Nardhana ROB | 3 | Maharashtra | 34.21 | 22071999 |
| 9. | "Patelganga Bridge & ROB | 17 | Maharashtra | 33.3 | 20/07/1999 |
| 10. | Hubli-Dharwar Bypass | 4 | Karnataka | 68 | 0511/2001 |
| 11. | Nellor Bypass | 5 | Andhra Pradesh | 73 | OCT. 2000 |
| 12. | Koratalaiyar Bridge | 5 | Tamil Nadu | 30 | NOV., 2000 |
| 13. | Kambatki Ghat Tunnel & Road | 4 | Maharashtra | 37.8 | NOV., 1999 |
| 14. | Nasirabad ROB | 6 | Maharashtra | 10.45 | MAY, 2001 |
| 15. | Wainganga Bridge | 6 | Maharashtra | 32.6 | JULY, 2000 |
| 16. | Mahi Bridge | 8 | Gujarat | 42 | 25/04/2000 |
| 17. | ROB At Kishangarh Bypass | 8 | Rajasthan | 16.66 | 31/12/2009 |
| 18. | Bridge Across River Watrak | 8 | Gujarat | 48.2 | |
| 19. | Moradabad Bypass | 24 | Uttar Pradesh | 100 | |
| 20. | ROB At Dera Bassi | 22 | Punjab | 36.11 | |

* Original work since completed and opened to traffic widening to four lanes is in progress.
* Since completed and opened to traffic.

**Agreement Between Government and Truck Operators**

†*742. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that truck operators had recently gone on strike for fulfilment of their various demands;

(b) if so, the total loss incurred due to this strike;

(c) the details of the agreement arrived at between Government and truck owners to end the strike; and

(d) the extent to which its prospects are likely to be improved after road transport industry is accorded the status of industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The truck operators went on strike in protest against the hike in diesel prices.

(b) The loss can not be quantified.

(c) The details of the agreement are Annexed in the statement. (See below)

(d) The industry status to Road Transport could facilitate a number of measures such as:—

(1) Availability of low cost fund under infrastructure development.

(2) Availability of funds at reasonable rates for used vehicle financing, working capital needs etc.

(3) Tax concession to finance companies.

(4) Enabling transport companies to issue infrastructure bonds with tax incentives.

**Statement**

*Agreement between Government and Truck Operators*

*(i) The issue of diesel prices:*

It was explained by the Hon'ble Minister that the Government's position has been stated in the Parliament.

(ii) *Declaration of Road Transport as an Industry:*

The Hon'ble Minister has agreed to consider this demand sympathetically and take necessary steps in this regard.

(iii) *Withdrawal of the Notification dated 1 lth October, 1999:* This request has been considered favourably by the Hon'ble Minister and it is proposed to withdraw the amendment.

(iv) *Collection of Toll Charges:*

As explained by the Hon'ble Minister, the possibility of reviewing the quantum of toll be collected should be examined in detail. This will be done by a Committee after collection of required details from all concerned.

(v) *fixation of Minimum Freight Rates:*

A explained by the Hon'ble Minister, under the Motor Vehicles Act, these powers are with the State Governments. However, keeping in view the strong demand of the All India Motor Transport Congress (AIMTC), the Hon'ble Minister has agreed to request the various States to initiate necessary steps for fixing minimum freight rates for transportation of goods and finalise this preferably within 30 days.

(vi) *Reduction in the Quantum of Permit Fee:*

As explained by the Hon'ble Minister, according to the Motor Vehicles Act, the quantum of permit fee is determined by the respective State Governments. Considering repeated requests of the AIMTC, the Hon'ble Minister has agreed to include this item in the agenda for the next Transport Development Council (TDC) meeting.

**Restoration of Paradip Port**

743. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the contents of the detailed report on the damage caused by the cyclone to the Paradip Port by the high powered task force on Orissa by this Ministry;

(b) the estimated amount of damage to the port;

(c) what action has been taken so far on the said report; and

(d) what steps are planned in the short and long run to restore normalcy there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) No High Powered Task Force on the issue has been set up by